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**Applicant :** Hans-Ueli Roeck  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

The three month response period to the outstanding Office action of September 24, 2003 expired on December 24, 2003. Applicant's attorney hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from December 24, 2003 through January 24, 2004. A check which includes the \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. By this amendment, claims 1-19 (which included multiple dependencies for a previous total of 80 claims) have been canceled. Thirty-six (36) total claims are now pending including five (5) independent claims. A check which includes the \$172.00 additional independent claim fee in excess of three is enclosed. The total enclosed check amount is \$282.00.

In response to the Office action of September 24, 2003, paper no. 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 22 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 22 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this paper.

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